THE MAN BEHIND THE GENIUS

GURU DUTT:

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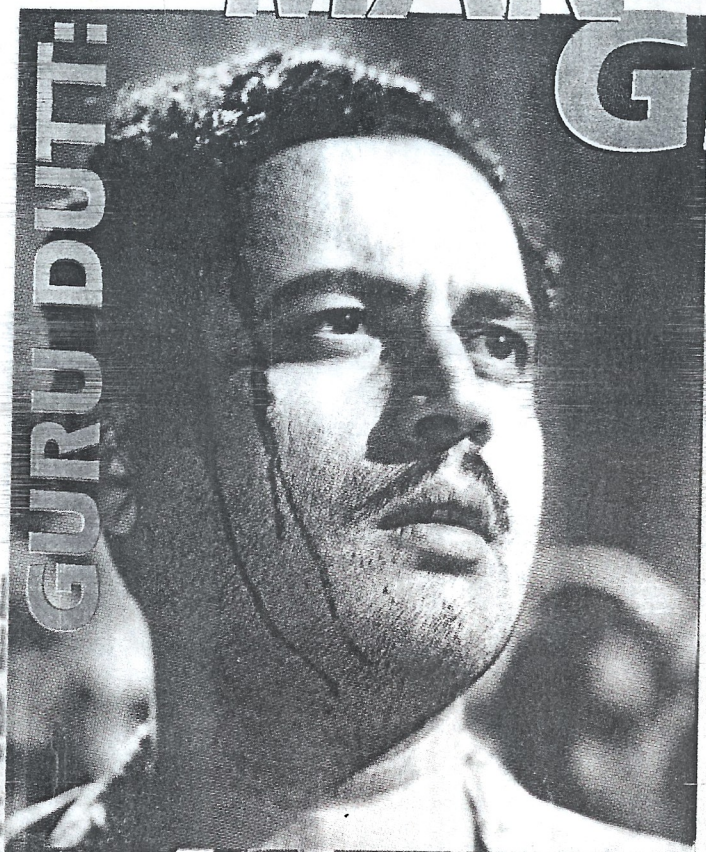

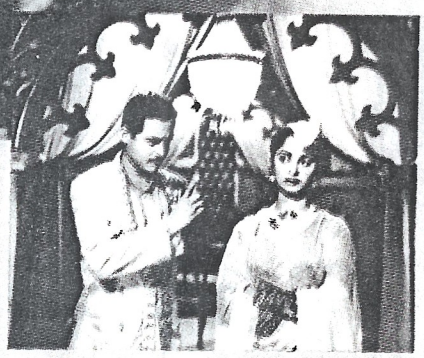

His muse and his son paint watercolour memories of the way he was... Guru Dutt, the man who touched their lives so differently, so indelibly.

Guru Dutt's death due to a drug overdose in 1964 continues to haunt Indian cinema. Did he commit suicide, depressed after Waheeda Rehman allegedly deserted him? Or was he a victim of foul play, as his son Tarun Dutt suspected?

His end at 39 remains a painful mystery but it's the living reality of his films that continues to hold audiences enthralled. Cinematic gems like *Pyaasa*, *Chaudhvi Ka Chand*, *Sahib, Bibi Aur Ghulam* and *Kaagaz Ke Phool* prove that the man was a genius, tortured and flawed yet way ahead of his time.

It's perhaps apt to reconstruct the man behind the genius, the everyday person behind the tortured creator. And who better to do so than his muse and heroine Waheeda Rehman and his firstborn son, Tarun?

"Guru Dutt was a very gentle and perceptive person," recalls Waheeda Rehman. "He knew how to draw me out. I was a newcomer, and I did not know how to express my problems to him. During the making of *Pyaasa*, I had to do a scene wherein Gulabo, the heroine of the film discovers that the hero is dead. She is supposed to cry – give a loud howl, the way the heroines did in those days. I just couldn't cry that way! I sat there dumb, expressionless. He sensed my unease and drew me out slowly, and let me cry the way I normally would in real life.

"But he was also a very impatient man," Waheeda smiles. "When he thought of an idea he wanted it executed immediately. He wanted everything done on the spot. He would get irritated with the unit but not with me. He knew I was frightened and had promised to be gentle with me. And believe me, he never broke his promise. Sometimes I would do many foolish things and make several mistakes, but he never lost his temper. I would keep wondering, 'Why isn't he getting angry with me?' And then I would worry about it even more!"

A legend...a master...an enigma. Meet Guru Dutt.

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